



Watertown Commission on Aging

Paul Ericsson
Cindy Raymond
Jim Sandquist
Dave Smith
Rachel Bender
Deb Favorit
Dawn Plumer
Mayor Steve Washburn
Clerk/Treasurer Lynn Tschudi

6/9/2021 - Minutes

1. Call To Order

Commission on Aging Chair Paul Ericsson called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. in room A of the Watertown Community Center.

Members present: Ericsson, Cindy Raymond, Dave Smith, Dawn Plumber (via telephone), Jim Sandquist, Lynn Tschudi

Guest: Alan Hermann

2. Adopt Agenda

RAYMOND ASKED TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD ITEM 4D.

SANDQUIST MOVED, SMITH SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approve Minutes

RAYMOND MOVED, SMITH SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 3, 2021. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

RAYMOND MOVED, SMITH SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 3, 2021. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

3.A. Approve Minutes From February 3, 2021 & March 3, 2021

4. New Business

4.A. Elect Officers

Dave Smith volunteered to become chair for 2021. Paul Ericsson volunteered to be vice chair for 2021.

RAYMOND MOVED, SANDQUIST SECONDED A MOTION TO ELECT SMITH CHAIR AND ERICSSON AS VICE CHAIR FOR 2021. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE, MOTION CARRIED.

4.B. Senior Shopping Route - Alan Herrmann (Smartlink)

Alan Hermann from Smartlink, explained to the Commission on Aging that the City of Norwood Young America has a 12-passenger bus they are looking to partner with other cities to provide service to seniors. They are

looking at serving the rural areas of Carver County such as Cologne, Mayer, Watertown, and Waconia. Hermann asked the Commission if there is a need for this service. Raymond asked who would pay for the bus. Hermann said the cost is around \$25 per hour and usually the cities will subsidize part of the fare to lower the cost to \$2 per rider.

Tschudi suggested partnering with River Oaks to services their residents. Hermann will contact River Oaks.

4.C. Member Recruitment

Commission discussed member recruitment.

4D

Raymond reported that she saw a news story about grandparents getting interviewed on their history. Dawn Plumer reported that Scott County had recorded historical stories through a program called End in Mind. She is asking if the group would be interested in offering this service to families.

5. Ageless Business

6. Updates From City

Tschudi updated on the building activity throughout Watertown. She also updated on the hiring of the interim City Administrator Jeff O'Neill.

7. Updates From Commissioners

Paul Ericsson updated on the summer library programs. Ericsson updated that the library plans to continue the virtual programming through the fall for adult programming but switch to in person for the pre-K.

Plumer updated that Carver County Health has been busy with vaccine clinics. There is a J&J clinic at the government center on June 15. You can register early or walk in.

8. Adjourn

RAYMOND MOVED, ERICSSON SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:32. ALL PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

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